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war, to place the name of Minnesota among the proudest records of the current history of the times. He has strengthened the unalterable purpose of our soldiers and citizens to secure a lasting and just peace, and to maintain the honor of all the States, submission to the constitutional authority of the federal government, the unconditional recognition of the eagle of the nation, and "freedom throughout all the land." While several of our sister States have been the theatre of a cruel and bloody harvest, our prisoners have been mercifully protected against the incursions of the deadliest savage, and a remunerative return has blessed the labors of our husbandmen. We should therefore, not only repair to his courts with the supplicants of a grateful and grateful humanity, but we should also come to us to acknowledge our manifold personal and national transgressions, and to seek for pardon through

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the midst of a careful and unparalleled struggle for national life and integrity, the blessings of success and victory have been vouchsafed to our army and navy, and our beloved country still holds a place among the nations of the earth. I recommend that the day be observed by all the citizens of the State, by laying aside their worldly business and meeting at their usual places of religious worship, to render thanks and sincere praise to God for His unmerited goodness, to implore His forgiveness, and the speedy establishment of permanent peace throughout our extended country.

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During the past year, although engaged in one of the most wicked and stupendous rebellions ever witnessed in our country has prospered beyond precedent. Instead of diminishing, immigration has increased. Science and the arts have advanced, God has vouchsafed us a prosperous season, and the crops are abundant, and as a nation and a people we have steadily advanced in greatness and prosperity. Our arms have been victorious, our commerce increased and flourished. While the dark tide of war has never so far out-run, beloved Country, wealth lavishing

waste its fruitful fields and pleasant homes, let us rejoice and render praises to the Most High that He has snatched the hand of the spoiler, and that the work of destruction has been felt in no other of the great cordons of States as it has been felt in our own. I therefore recommend to

the people of the State, both civil and military, to lay aside all worldly avocations and observe the day as one of praise to our Heavenly Father for all past blessings, and of humble but earnest supplication that He will strengthen our rulers and guide us as a nation in the course that shall early lead to peace and unity in our beloved land and the continued prosperity and happiness of all our people.

The Military Governor of South Carolina.

In accordance with the President's proclamation, I advise you all to refrain as much as possible from extraordinary avocations, and meet in your respective homes or worshiping places, to render thanks to Almighty God for the continued blessings which He has vouchsafed to you during the past year. Your harvests have been abundant, and have been raised and gathered without the sound of the driver's whip and horn in these fair fields.

which have seen for so many years the scene of your toil, sorrow and degradation—so long that scarcely a vestige of your humanity or manhood seemed left. Thank the Lord that in these early days of your journeyings toward the promised land of liberty, He has sent kind friends to guide you in the paths of knowledge, where in slavery you could not go. Thank the Lord that your sons and husbands and brothers have been permitted under the Star of Babel, Banner, and the Crescent, to stand for liberty and justice. Praise Him for the glorious overthrow of our oppressors in the field of Armageddon.

for freedom and the Union. The golden mellow light
which now brightens the dawning future
bids us hope for another four years of freedom or war
gives promise that a mighty nation will soon say at the
ballot-box, "Liberty and Union forever." "You are free
ever free" and if so, you can thank God for the re-
election of Abraham Lincoln. In the free North, where
the Pilgrim Fathers lived, and taught their descendants
to love liberty and hate oppression, the new time
honored custom was established and handed down by

were all gathered in, to thank God for all His mercies. A solemn and noble balance between the neglected and the neglected, and guided by the wisdom of the past, to plan for the future. Yes, the proclamation to the assembled people, the minister has been seen to close the book, and with reverent face, as if his soul were in prayer, repeat its closing words, "God save the Commonwealth." Although the footprints of liberty in Carolina are only found on the sands of these Sea Islands.

and are kept there by cannon, still let us also add here, and say from our hearts, "God save the Commonwealth of South Carolina."

to the Almighty God for His mercies, of humiliation for our sins, and of supplication for peace, we hereby endorse that the Catholic congregations of this diocese be respectfully exhorted by their pastors to meet in their respective churches on the day above specified, and assist in the becoming sentiments of gratitude, penitence and prayer for the great eucharistic, social and missionary work of the diocese. We do so in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, in the blessings of health, abundant harvests and exemption from the ravages of war which God has granted to the people of the North. Our sins have ascribed to

merited the chastisement which has overtaken our
 jug brethren of the South, and which has cost the life
 blood of so many thousands of our own
 brave soldiers who left their pleasant homes to
 check the advance of the foe and confine the deadly
 strife to the battle fields on which it madly originated.
 Our hopes of future happiness on earth are vain if the
 peace, the prosperity, the progress in arts, sciences, agri-
 culture, and in every branch of human industry, and
 religion which have distinguished us among all the na-
 tions of the earth for fourscore and eight years, are

Wende, under the Divine Providence, she safely returned to her country, and she has been able to contribute to the maintenance of that Union, and the elimination of those defects which Christian civilization and our own country have shown us the constitution contained. It is therefore becomes our solemn duty to observe with a more ordinary fervor the national holiday: and as we cannot enjoy, and should not desire, peace, happiness and independence except in the society of our fellow citizens, we should pray for and promote, by every means in our power, their welfare as well as our own. We commend

t that it has greatly pained us to hear that certain radical
irrevocable and thoughtless men of our communistic
have denounced and cursed the government, the
administration and their abettors.
communism as blasphemous and evil. Now, we
but we have cursed the supporters of the govern-
ment did they not reflect that they cursed the more
than hundreds of thousands of Catholic voters, and Catho-
lic soldiers of our army who defend that government?
the field? Did they not reflect that its downfall would be
hailed with acclamation by our own hereditary oppres-

across the ocean? Did they not reflect that if politically it was necessary to sacrifice to achieve the goal of racial equality, the salvation is ever to reach a far distant and beloved island where it must come to it from these United States which these United States would never? There is no justifying cause or reason to curse the government or the administration. They did not commence this war. They could scarcely bring themselves to believe to believe that it was seriously commenced, even when torts had been killed, the blood of the innocents had been shed by the hands of the South and when forces had been repelled by force, when armies had to be raised again and again, therefore, to try to, when armed, to raise the blacks to

our rivers and stem the tide of aggression, who more did our government do than was done in the South? Where in the North was the draft, the conscription, enforced as ruthlessly and as indiscriminately as in the South? Where was the citizen property confiscated, without compensation, for the alleged uses of the government, as it was in the South? We have conversed with Irish Catholic refugees from Georgia, from Arkansas, from Alabama and other southern States, and we know how they were stripped of

Many an Irish laborer lost in the hospitals, here at
elsewhere, that when the war broke out in the South and
the public works were suspended, they were either vio-
lently conscripted, or had to enlist or starve. We do not
adduce these facts to excite unkind feelings against the
South, but to put to shame the journalists of the
North—especially the *Freeman's Journal* and *Metro-
politan Record*, of New York, who intimated or
too condescending people to evil words and deeds.

and the people themselves who patronized such traitors and were duped and deceived by their malignity. It is time, therefore, now that the election is at hand, should return to the proper order of thought, and that we should daily revere the constituted authorities, the "powers" which the apostle commands us to obey, and thus presenting an undivided front to the enemy, re-establish the Union, without which there can be no peace, present or prospective, for the ill we suffer. To South beholding us thus of one mind, will we devout trust, hasten to make peace, and we, on our side, will

show them that we are ready and willing to make great sacrifices for peace and union with them than ever we made for war. The reverend clergy will please recite the Litany of the Saints, in union with their belief in the Mass, repeating three times the two prayers for peace and the prayer, "O God, who by sin art offended, and by repentance pacified."

JOHN B. PURCELL,
Archbishop of Cincinnati.

Address of Bishop Potter to the Episcopate

publican Clergy and Congregations of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.
DEAR BROTHERS:—The day is approaching when Christians and citizens we are called upon to devote ourselves to the duty, too much neglected, of offering thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for all His benefits, and especially for those which have distinguished the past year; that seed time and harvest has returned, that the fruitful season has been bountifully vouchsafed, that penitence has not wasted our time and strength, revealed to us God's love and habitation

and move us to fervent gratitude, and to united in general offerings of praise. Above all should this be the case when, as now, our nation is struggling, in the face of misapprehension and violent obstruction both at home and abroad, for its very life, for the sovereignty of law, and the establishment of universal freedom that at such a juncture it has pleased the gracious Ruler of the Universe to remember us in mercy even while he chastens us sorely for our many a great sin, may well call for special and most devout prayers.

your thanksgiving. And so with our earnest and succeeding prayers that, at this momentous crisis of our history, the Giver of all Good would bestow upon our rulers and our people such calmness, a comprehensiveness of judgment, such stern rectitude of action, such large-hearted charity towards those who have erred or offended, and such constant fear and reveren-